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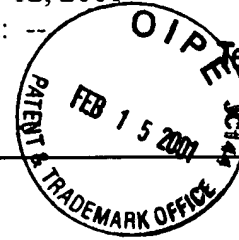
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AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER - FEE COMPUTATION

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

[Please cancel claims 17-24 without prejudice.]

[Please amend the claims as follows:]

Claim 1, line 12, change "an" to --a--;
line 13, after "of" insert --a--.

Claim 2, line 12, change "an" to --a--;
line 13, after "of" insert --a--.

Claim 3, line 4, delete "(N designates a natural number of 2 or";
line 5, delete "larger)".

Claim 4, line 6, delete "(180 of Fig. 31)".